### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

### I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 2 and 20 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 3, 20, 22, 23, and 27 are amended herein.

Claim 28 is allowed and claims 2-19, 21, and 22 are "objected to."

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-19, and 21-28 are currently pending and under consideration.

### II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 23 is amended herein to overcome the claim objection.

In view of the above, it respectfully submitted that the objection is overcome.

## III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 20 AND 23-26 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(B) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY KAWAHARA (USP# 4,990,004)

Claim 20 is amended herein and includes the allowable subject matter as recited in the "objected to" claim 21. Accordingly, claim 20 now recites, "wherein the adjusting the head gap position comprises: controlling a carrier driving unit to drive the carrier to be moved toward the head gap adjustment position along the carrier shaft; and controlling a paper supply roller driving unit to generate a driving force when the carrier is disposed at the head gap adjustment position in order for the carrier shaft to move with respect to a paper path," which patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art.

Claims 23-26 depend from claim 20 and patentably distinguish over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as claim 20.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

# IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 AND 27 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER KAWAHARA (USP# 4,990,004) IN VIEW OF OLSON (USP# 5,838,338)

Claims 1 and 27 are amended herein and include the allowable subject matter as recited in the "objected to" claim 2. Accordingly, claims 1 and 27 now recite, "wherein the clutch unit

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comprises: a clutch part to transfer or cut off the driving force of the paper supply roller driving unit to or from the carrier shaft; and an operation part to operate the clutch part to transfer the driving force of the paper supply roller driving unit to the carrier shaft," which patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

### V. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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